

Green Repudiates Lewis Shur on Labor; Pledges Government Full A.F.L. Aid

**CIO BLOCKS NEW
SHIPYARD PACT**

Washington, D. C.—A nefarious scheme by the CIO to squeeze American shipyards out of the market for the Atlantic coast ships was frustrated by prompt and alert action of the U.S. Maritime Administration and the U.S. Maritime Trades Department.

The CIO's high-handed procedure in the Office of Maritime Administration Management to establish unreasonable wage and working conditions for shipyard strikers in the Eastern shipyards.

Such stabilization already has been worked out on the West Coast where an agreement has been negotiated by A. F. of L. unions and the shipbuilders which boosts wage scales an average of 12 cents an hour and provides for mediation of all disputes.

In an attempt to establish a similar

At the outset, leaders of the CIO "Shipyard" committee threatened that the representatives of A. F. of L. unions be denied either voice or vote in the negotiations and be permitted

to attend merely as observers. They made the false claim that the CIO represented a majority of the workers in Atlantic Coast shipyards and asserted that gave them the right to speak exclusively for labor in the negotiations.

Objections of A. F. of L. representatives to the CIO position in the United States: "Don't expect too much cooperation from labor."

"I feel compelled to answer this statement promptly and unequivocally because it is of the utmost importance in these critical times that the people of our country should know and understand the real attitude

penalties involved, and a complete report on the results of the conference would be given a voice in the deliberations but no vote.

The motion was flatly rejected by the Federation spokesmen who withdrew immediately from the conference. As a result, the conference was forced to adjourn without accomplishing with any action taken or results accomplished.

On the following day, the Metal Trades Department issued a statement blasting the attempt to freeze the labor market.

On the American labor toward the national defense program.

On the part of the six million members of the American Federation of Labor I utterly and completely disavow every word of the statement.

On their behalf, I assure the Government of the United States that the labor movement is fully prepared to do its share in the national defense program of all of the members and officers of the American Federation of Labor in the national defense program.

"The American Federation of Labor will continue to demand more adequate representation in the administration of the defense program. Such action is thoroughly justified inasmuch as it is in the national interest to cause in sharp contrast to the official attitude of the recognized smelter."

"They further declare that the condition created by the C.I.O. during the conference is wholly destructive of every principle of democratic representation and of collective bargaining."

PLEADING HIS PROPOSAL TO RELAX FOUR WEEK

With approximately seven millions of workers unemployed, any relaxation of the four-week rule proposed by the Fair Labor Standards Act would be tantamount to a declaration of economic and social defeat, declared Sen. Philip H. Frank, D-N.J., in a speech before the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee on Feb. 10. In an article entitled "The Four-Week Rule: A Question Labeled in Look Magazine," Frank said that practically no complaints about the Wage and Hour Act have been received from industries, Congress, or the public.

"There is more than enough of this law by far the greater number of companies are doing more than complying with it to the degree of its own defense," he said.

Frank also said that Sen. Charles McNichols, D-Mich., intended that it should be "Sen. McNichols' intention is to protect the minimum wage law by protecting the four-week rule."

"Mr. Lewis, in his speech, referred to the four-week rule as a 'necessary evil' as Europe as an 'unnecessary impediment' to the war effort," Frank said.

"So that may be his opinion, but it is not mine. I am not sure that he made his wholely unjustified defense correct. The question then arises, 'Why should we defend it merely for himself?' The man who made that question is the man who made the law," Frank said.

The CIO has the honored right

the fair wage employer from sweatshop competition.

"This year the law will put \$100,000,000 in the pockets of the nation's workers. This money will go to the lowest paid—the one-third who are ill-fed, ill-clothed and ill-housed—those who, but for the law, would be worse off."

M'NUTT ASKS MORE JOBS FOR WORKERS OVER

ing for as little as 10 or 15 cents an hour. "This extra money will be quickly spent on necessities and some comforts of life. It will travel straight from the worker's pocket to the farmer, the merchant, the register and from merchant to wholesaler to the farmer, miner, manufacturer."

"These mere goods will have to be produced and sold in a market that is made of men and women now idle with no money to spend."

**CERTAINED PRODUCTS
SIGN HIGHER WAGE PACT**

Marshall, Ill.—Officials of Federal

Washington, D. C.—Federal Secretary Administrator Paul V. McNamara today announced that the new time State employment offices initiated under the United States Industrial and Labor Administration (ILA) warrenter and other civic organizations will be required to sign a 40 during National Employment Week which ends May 10.

The new law greatly increases demand for workers with certain skills and training. It also requires that the ILA defense contract should re-examine the qualifications of the workers. The law also requires that valuable workers will not be allowed to leave the defense industry.

"Among workers past 40," the

ed, are many world war veterans who now average 45 years of age. As the President has stated in his proclamation designating National Employment Week, these men have a special appeal to our national sense of responsibility, particularly during this time of national preparedness.
